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United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.9

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.9, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament all the necessary support, within existing resources, to enable them to carry out their programmes of activities.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly,[1] and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.[2]

III. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, regarding the Secretary-General's provision of support to the regional centres, would be carried out within the resources provided under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. The provision contained therein covers the three P-5 posts of Directors of the three regional centres for peace and disarmament.

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IV. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2004-2005

4. Modifications would not be required to programme 2 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly, or to section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as the activities envisaged in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of section 4.

V. Potential for absorption

5. The programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 would continue to provide for the three P-5 posts of Directors of the three United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament referred to in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. The programmes of activities of the three centres would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

6. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

VI. Indication of additional requirements

7. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.9, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

[2] A/58/6 (Sect. 4).

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Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.20

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.20, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General, taking note of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 49/76 D of 15 December 1994, to provide the Regional Centre with the necessary support, within existing resources, in carrying out its programme of activities;

(b) Urge the Secretary-General to ensure the physical operation of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu within 6 months of the date of signature of the host country agreement and to enable the Centre to function effectively.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

2. The request contained in operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly,[1] and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.[2]

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III. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue to provide a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre. With respect to operative paragraph 6, regarding the physical operation of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue consultations with the Government of Nepal.

IV. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2004-2005

4. Modifications would not be required to programme 2 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly, or to section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as the activities that would be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of section 4.

V. Potential for absorption

5. The programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 would continue to provide for the P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific referred to in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. The programme of activities of the Centre would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources. The physical operation of the Centre from Kathmandu, referred to in operative paragraph 6, would also be financed from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

VI. Indication of additional requirements

6. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.20, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

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Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.18

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.18, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean with all necessary support, within existing resources, so that it might carry out its programme of activities in accordance with its mandate.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly (A/57/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1), and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 4)).

III. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, regarding the Secretary-General's provision of support to the

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Regional Centre, would be carried out within the resources provided under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. The provision contained therein covers one P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre at Lima.

IV. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2004-2005

4. Modifications would not be required to programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly, or to section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

V. Potential for absorption

5. The programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 would continue to provide for the P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre at Lima referred to in operative paragraph 9. The programme of activities of the Regional Centre would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

6. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

VI. Indication of additional requirements

7. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.18, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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Indonesia: draft resolution

Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/87 of 16 December 1993, 49/85 of 15 December 1994, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 58/41 of 8 December 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316 of 1 July 2004,

Affirming that its rules of procedure permit the Main Committees to undertake organizational refinements to improve the effectiveness of their methods of work, and noting with satisfaction that the First Committee already has done so,

Emphasizing that improved functioning of the First Committee be considered in an integrated and comprehensive manner through the existing three stages, namely general debate, thematic/structured debate, and consideration and action on resolutions,

Determining to continue its efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee, as a means to enhance the role of the General Assembly in promoting international peace and security,

1. *Invites* Member States to consider the biennialization or triennialization of the agenda items discussed in the First Committee, on a voluntary basis, and particularly when no specific action is required to be taken for the implementation of relevant resolutions;

2. *Invites also* Member States to continue to hold interactive debates based on a programme and format elaborated through informal consultations between the Bureau and Member States in advance of each First Committee session;

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3. *Invites further* Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented manner and, where practical, to consider the possibility of submitting draft decisions;

4. *Recommends* that the respective sponsors of draft resolutions hold informal consultations, both before and during Committee meetings, with the participation of all interested Member States for furthering discussions on draft resolutions already submitted or yet to be submitted to the First Committee;

5. *Encourages* Member States to introduce draft resolutions on related or complementary issues to find commonalities in the language and purpose of those draft resolutions, and invites Member States to consider pursuing mergers of such texts through consultations with all sponsors;

6. *Encourages also* Member States, in particular those that presented any draft resolution, to follow up on the agreed resolution in order to contribute in achieving the objective of such resolution;

7. *Encourages further* the First Committee to introduce presentations of, and focus discussions on, reports on the work of expert groups, the regional centres for peace and disarmament, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters initiated by the Committee;

8. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, shall keep all Committees, including the First Committee, informed of the detailed estimated cost of all resolutions and decisions that have been recommended by the Committees for approval by the General Assembly;

9. *Requests* the First Committee, in the light of the growing interconnectedness of issues before the General Assembly, to explore the forms of mutual cooperation with other Main Committees;

10. *Decides* to develop further, within existing resources, the electronic support for the work of the First Committee, in particular through the existing web sites;

11. *Decides also* to review regularly the implementation of this resolution.